

One Big Union, The U. S. A.
"What the Masses Say."
Don't Mistake "The Masses"
For "Them Asses."

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Repudiating their leaders, certain workers announce their plan to form "one big union" and end the existence of smaller unions, brotherhoods, etc.

There exists already "one big union" in this country. Its name is "The United States of America." The members of that union are the people of the United States. As a "one big union" they answer the purpose well, they do not invite, and do not expect, any competition.

Not even the most stupid corporation manager would dare to talk of "one big corporation" to run all the affairs of this country. He would be told promptly "if one big corporation is necessary or feasible, the country will be that corporation."

There will never be "one big corporation" or "one big union" running this country. Write that on your tablets.

Most important event, since the war, is the strike of railroad men, running wild, as they frankly admit, disregarding leaders, officers of their unions, elected by them. To the United States this might be more important than the war. For the war was an outside thing and could be attended to outside. This strike is an inside matter, important to every citizen, especially to those that work for a living and have no accumulated resources.

It would be serious for the United States if disorganization in one great branch of public service affecting all other branches were not subject to reasonable settlement. But this matter fortunately will be settled properly.

A small group of men, not representing one-tenth of one percent of the inhabitants of the United States, are accused by their four great union labor leaders, Shippen, Lee, Stone, and Carter, of violating obligations, menacing welfare of all workers, by attempting to destroy labor unions.

To the protest of their elected officers in the four labor union brotherhoods of conductors, trainmen, locomotive engineers, and locomotive firemen and engineers, one leader of the so-called "out-strike" replies: "You say we can't strike lawfully, but what the masses say is law."

Precisely, what the masses say is law. The masses are the hundred million inhabitants of this country, and the real masses, the people, and the United States, say that they do not intend to have travel and food delivery checked every time a quarrel occurs among relatively small groups of citizens.

The outlaw strike gentleman who calls himself "the masses" should remember the seven tailors of Tooley street who began their statement, "We, the people of England."

That same leader and those associated with him in the belief that thirty thousand men can dictate to a hundred millions should bear in mind the statement of a celebrated radical leader: "The people that have imagined themselves to be the masses often act like 'them asses.'"

The more conservative among the men that repudiate their union leaders are quoted as follows: "We want to get W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. He did not represent us fairly at Washington."

That may be true, and it is for union men to act if they want a representative. But intelligent men will change an official without subjecting all the inhabitants of the country to lack of employment, food supplies and transportation.

With men demanding eight hours and wages sufficient to meet the high cost of living, whatever such wages may be, the public has sincere sympathy. The public has not deserved the effort "to get" an individual labor leader should be held as excuse sufficient for menacing the welfare of the entire nation.

Suppose the stockholders of a railroad, wishing "to get" their president, discharged every workman and inconvenienced the whole public in the process. Would not railroad employees, deprived of a living, while the stockholders were "getting" their president, feel that the "getting" ought to be done otherwise?

The most radical of these that repudiate union labor leaders point to the success of the new Russian government as justification for their attitude.

The government of Lenin and Trotsky has been wonderfully successful because, instead of repudiating leadership, the people have been obedient to their leadership, knowing that a man without leaders can accomplish nothing.

No leader was ever obeyed or respected more implicitly than Lenin. Workmen quit their jobs and enter the Russian army, to fight if ordered or to carry out public work on the soldiers' small pay, because they know that in discipline and sticking to chosen leaders is their only hope of success.

The day when workers in Russia repudiate their leaders, as the heads of the big brotherhoods have repudiated here, will be a sad day for Russian workers and a glad day for the surviving Russian.

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WEATHER:

Fair and somewhat warmer today; Monday unsettled, probably showers; shifting winds.

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RAILSTRIKE TIGHTENING HOLD ON EASTERN ROADS

U.S. OR BRITAIN TO RULE EARTH

—Harden

German Writer Declares John Bull's Maritime Crown Is Slipping.

JAPAN IS KEY IN THE EAST

Tokyo-London Alliance Will Make England Supreme, Journalist Warns.

By MAXIMILIAN HARDEN.
(Editor of Die Zeitungs and Famous as the Most Powerful Writer in Germany.)

BERLIN, March 30 (by mail).—Near Westminster, in London, sits a man who is spinning a web of thought with which he is trying to encircle the globe.

English Goal Attained.
"The goal of our desires of yesterday is attained. Against our will Europe cannot stir. Germany, our only dangerous competitor at sea, in industry and in trade, lies prostrate on the ground," his thought main-ains. "Before it fell, it dragged Bolshevism into Petrograd, and so 'read us from Russia's might, which had it joined the ranks of the victors, would have most inconveniently claimed a large share of the booty and would have limited the sphere of influence of the Union Jack in eastern Europe."

"Now, we hold Gibraltar and the Dardanelles, the North Sea, and the Baltic. We have acquired representations at the mouth of the Sheldt, along the Rhine and along the Danube, and a dominating influence over the Poles, Magyars, Letts, Estonians, and Jugos Slavs; we are assured of a majority vote in the league of nations, and as a convenient instrument we have the reparations commission."

Makes Puppets Dance.
"All the roads to India, both by sea and land, are subject to our blockade; we can join Arabia, Mesopotamia and Persia either firmly or loosely to the British empire. We can make the Caliph who governs Mohammedan Islam to dance in Mecca or in Constantinople; as the protector of Zion we shall gain the favor of all the Orthodox Jews on earth."

"Rule the waves? No Pitt, Wellington, Balmerston, Disraeli in his wildest dream ever beheld greater triumphs."
"But sterling exchange is lower than ever before, the glory of gilded consols has faded. Ireland demands the enjoyment of the right of self-determination, Egypt and India are in a state of unrest, and upon all the borders of the Mohammedan world the virus of Bolshevism finds a receptive medium, through which it trickles into the arteries of religious feeling and becomes a hundred-fold more dangerous than the colder zone of sober, calculating nationalism."

John Bull Unhappy.
Upon the summit of his European successes, John Bull sees himself more seriously threatened than ever before in the history of his empire. In its very center socialism is developing, toward which such far-seeing liberals as Viscount Haldane incline as toward a rising sun.

"There can be no hope of a rapid recovery of the financial situation, in view of the increase of wages and the decrease of production. And between the Atlantic and the Pacific we are being outstripped by the greatest power on earth, which may, if it so desires, become ever night the strongest military power in the world."
"It is already the clearing house of world rule, and will not allow us to monopolize, with Japan, the enormous maritime power in the world."
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Keeping Up With The Times

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Germans Sentence American Journalist to Death as Plotter

GRACE CLARK COTHRON, girl-wife facing trial at Rockville, Md., for complicity in slaying a negro chauffeur, and her husband, Clarence M. Cothron, whom she accuses of driving her into a life of shame. Cothron recently was sentenced to life imprisonment. The girl, in a sworn confession, relates an amazing story of crime and intrigue.



Cothron's Girl Wife Says Husband Drove Her to Life of Shame

Driven to a life of shame by an unscrupulous husband—a man of criminal habits—a child-wife will unfold a strange and almost inconceivable story of degradation to save her life from the gallows when she is brought to trial in the circuit court of Montgomery county, at Rockville, Md., this month on the charge of being an accomplice to the slaying of a negro chauffeur.

Not only was this young woman, Grace Clark Cothron, near by when her husband and another man, who posed as her brother, shot and killed two men, but she is accused of kidnapping a child who now is in a pitiful state of health in Baltimore. The girl in a sworn confession admits her part in the crimes, but pleads in extenuation that she was forced to associate with men, playing the "badger game" and obtaining money by other shady methods for the support of herself and her husband.

One of her victims, she says, was a Congressman, and others were married men, whom she inveigled into

traps so her husband could command funds as an alternative to a beating and exposure in the cleverly planned frauds.

Warns Other Girls.

"My year or so of married life was not blessed with happiness and bliss. It was one of shame, and my exposure of my wedded existence should be a moral lesson to other young women about to marry. Every girl should guard against an unfortunate marriage. Once the venture has been made, it may be too late. My

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Ouija Told Husband She Was Untrue, Says Wife

CUMBERLAND, Md., April 11.—Conceding that her husband's accusations of infidelity were based on what a spiritualist told him and that he always consulted a ouija board to substantiate what his dead wife told the medium, Mrs. Louise Plum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Brinker, took the stand in the circuit court and testified that she had been unfaithful to her husband, John Plum, a Federal internal revenue officer, of Baltimore, who is trying to secure a divorce.

It appeared through the course of the examination of the witnesses that she did not believe in divorce, but she has no objections to her husband being granted one, providing it is secured on other grounds than those of infidelity.

Says Husband Beat Children.
Mrs. Plum is attractive. She left her husband in October, 1919, on account of ill treatment, she declares, and after her refusal to sanction Plum's plan to bring suit against her husband, she charged her husband with beating the children mercilessly, one time using a hair brush with brass-headed tacks. While Mrs. Plum was telling this story the little boy brought forth from her husband's room described and displayed it to the court.

Mrs. Plum denied her husband's allegation that she confessed having had improper relations with a prominent physician, a jeweler, and a lawyer of Cumberland.

It was at that time that she testified that her husband had told her the spiritualist and the ouija board had enlightened him. She said her husband told her that his dead wife, who could see things from the spirit world, was always riding on the rear seat of his motorcycle when he was out with it. She said that during the time they lived in Baltimore he had taken her to the spiritualist with him, near Patterson Park, and that he always appeared familiar with the medium.

Mrs. Plum denied the allegation that she stopped at the Raleigh Hotel, Baltimore, with W. E. Moore, Manager Tjarks exhibited the register leaves, which showed that W. E. Moore and wife had registered there September 23. Mrs. Plum declared

that on that occasion she stopped at a rooming house on Fayette street, while Moore testified that the name of his companion was Britt, whom he picked up in a wine room.

Two Say She Was With Moore.

The testimony of Plum's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harwood, of Baltimore, was that Mrs. Plum was in company with Moore, that they saw her standing in the hotel office by his side while Moore was registering.

The defense offered testimony to show that several years ago Plum had registered at a Cumberland hotel with another woman.

Moore is married, but he was not living with his wife in September. She was in Hagerstown.

Mrs. Plum testified that her husband had refused to provide her with money with which to buy clothing for herself or children. She said he had denied being the father of her children. The plaintiff will offer testimony in rebuttal tomorrow.

FIGHT DUEL OVER COW.

BENTON, Ill., April 11.—Green Smothers, sixty-five, and Sherman Hart, shot a duel at Thompsonville following an altercation originating in a fight over a cow, belonging to Hart entered Smothers' corn field. Smothers was killed, and Hart is expected to die.

BRITISH WARSHIPS TAKE 50 IRISH TO LONDON

DUBLIN, April 11.—Fifty prisoners from Belfast were taken on board a British warship yesterday. It is believed they will be taken to England for confinement in prison.

FRENCH ENTER NEW DISTRICTS

Increased Troop Movements Hint At More Seizures of German Cities.

PLAN "WAR-TIME" PROGRAM

Workmen At Hesse Read yfor General Strike to Protest Occupation.

BERLIN, April 11.—Reports reaching here today indicated increased troop movements on the part of French forces at the Rhine bridgeheads. The impression prevailed that the French plan a new occupation of various sections, although the new troops may be merely replacements.

A dispatch today from Darmstadt declared a clash occurred between civilians and soldiers there, resulting in several persons on both sides being badly wounded.

Arrest German Police.

Badenhausen has been taken over by French troops.

General Depougette, active commander of the French army of occupation, is reported to be preparing to occupy Heidelberg, Mannheim and Karlsruhe.

Five hundred members of the German security police have been arrested by the French at Frankfurt and are being held as prisoners of war, according to word received here.

The French general staff is putting a "war-time" program in effect in the German neutral zones and in the cities that have been seized.

There are indications that the French plan to occupy Chaffenburg

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Mary's Divorce 'Raw,' Says Nev. Legal Chief

RENO, Nev., April 11.—"It is time for the State of Nevada to show the rest of the nation that it does not countenance irregularity in court procedure, and that its morals are on as high a plane as those of any State in this union."

This was the emphatic statement made today by Attorney General Leonard B. Fowler, of Nevada, who after an absence of several days returned yesterday to Carson City, where Deputy Attorney General Robert Richards has been preparing the complaints under which attempt is so made to set aside the decree of divorce issued to Mary Pickford in the district court of Douglas county at Minden.

"The complaint will allege that the court had no jurisdiction," continued Fowler, "because the plaintiff had no residence and the defendant was brought into Nevada as a matter of collusion."

Fowler then said: "Fraud has been committed, perjury has been committed. At this time, however, I am not prepared to say that any criminal action is being brought against either Mrs. Owen Moore (Mary Pickford) or against the defendant in the divorce action. This, in fact, is a matter for the district attorney of Douglas county to take care of."

He holds further that the defendant's office lies chiefly in getting the decree set aside. The State is a third party to all civil actions, and in this case its dignity is at stake. Not only will we seek to annul the Moore decree, but we stand ready to take similar action in any other case of like conditions to which our attention may be called."

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Cheap Pistol Convicts U. S. Author in Berlin As Red Revolutionist

By KARL H. VON WEIGAND, Universal Service.

HEADQUARTERS, REICHSWEHR DIVISION OF GENERAL KABISCH, WESEL, April 11.—Paul R. Demott, twenty-two, an American, claiming to be a journalist, has been sentenced to death by a drumhead court-martial for participation in the revolution in the Ruhr district.

Execution of sentence, however, has been deferred because of President Ebert's order that death sentences of drumhead court-martials must not be carried out until he has had an opportunity to review the findings and countersign the decree.

General Kabisch, commanding this sector, laid the papers in Demott's case before me and an officer of American general staff today. The young American was captured with arms in his possession near Muelheim in an automobile, together with several revolutionary leaders.

Classed As "Relief Worker."

Demott had State Department passport No. 122,825, issued at Washington September 20, 1919, certifying that the bearer was to do relief work in France. The passport was extended for six months and valid for western Russia on March 9, this year, for purposes of "journalistic work," by United States Vice Consul D. A. in Paris.

Demott also carried British mercantile marine service certificate No. 583,991, in which he was rated as an assistant cook and his nearest relative was given as Wilbur Demott, Patterson, N. J.

Among his other papers were a certificate from the British committee of the French Red Cross and a letter from the director of work in the French devastated area, dated March 31.

At the trial emphasis was laid on the consular visa for western Russia and the late date of the above-mentioned letter, together with fragments of another letter in his possession.

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EXTENT OF STRIKE SHOWN AT GLANCE

(By International News Service.)
Seventy thousand men—switchmen, yardmen, engineers, firemen, engine tenders, and in some instances, trainmen and conductors—are reported to be on strike in railroad yards in thirty-six cities in seventeen different States.

Latest figures show employees out as follows:

Salt Lake—450 switchmen.
Ogden, Utah—350 switchmen.
Indianapolis—1,700 yardmen and switchmen.
Jackson, Mich.—200 yardmen.
Pittsburgh—1,000 yardmen.
A list of other cities seriously affected follows:

Chicago—25,000 switchmen, yardmen, engineers and firemen out.
New York and Jersey City—8,000 switchmen.
Detroit—2,000 switchmen and 1,000 engineers.
Toledo—5,000 yardmen.
Los Angeles—1,800 switchmen and others.

Milwaukee—1,200 switchmen and yardmen.
Decatur, Ill.—107 switchmen.
St. Louis—10,000 switchmen.
Buffalo—2,000 yardmen.
Centerville, Ill.—400 yardmen.
Champaign, Ill.—65 switchmen.
Tobacco, Ill.—15 switchmen.
Kansas City—1,500 switchmen out (reported back).
San Francisco—2,500 switchmen and engineers.
Denver, Colo.—500 switchmen.
Jefferson City, Mo.—All yardmen.
Saginaw, Mich.—All yardmen on Pere Marquette.

Pueblo, Colo.—100 switchmen.
Springfield, Ill.—All yardmen.
Youngstown, Ohio—3,000 yardmen.
Pocatello, Idaho—100 switchmen.
Portland, Ore.—All switchmen.
Gary, Ind.—350 switchmen.
Syracuse, N. Y.—250 yardmen.
Scranton, Pa.—50 switchmen.
Niagara Falls—All yardmen out on two roads.

Port Worth, Tex.—800 switchmen.
Columbus, Ohio—100 switchmen and yardmen.
Tucson, Ariz.—500 switchmen, engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors.

BRITISH FOIL PLOT TO RUN GUNS INTO IRELAND

Two Vessels, One From Hamburg, the Other From Russia, Detained at Scottish Port.

LONDON, April 11.—An attempt to run guns and ammunition into Ireland was frustrated today, according to reports from Edinburgh.

Two vessels, one from Hamburg and the other from Russia, were detained in port in East Scotland, according to the dispatches, when the arms and ammunition were discovered concealed under the ships' coal supplies.

The ship from Hamburg is said to have had a camouflaged whippet tank on her decks, and on report said that the German vessel attempted to transfer a part of her cargo to the Russian steamer.

ITALIAN TROOPS AT FIUME ARE RE-ENFORCED

ROME, April 11.—Italian troops which are maintaining the blockade of Fiume have been heavily reinforced. It was announced today. It was expected this move would be preliminary to action against Gabriele d'Annunzio in the city.

YALE PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 11.—The resignation of Dr. Arthur T. Hadley as president of Yale University has been accepted by the Yale Corporation. It was announced last night.

GIRL SMOKERS EXPELLED.

AURORA, Ill., April 11.—Four girl students found guilty of smoking in a dormitory at Jennings Seminary were summarily expelled.

OUTLAWS TRY TO TIE UP U. S.

Radical Organizers Sent By Secret N. Y. Committee to All Roads.

HAVE HUGE "WAR" CHEST

Hudson Tubes Still Closed. 700,000 Affected in Manhattan Alone.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Radical organizers, instructed to spread strikes of "outlaw" railroad workers to every part of the country until the entire railroad service of the nation is crippled, have been sent from New York and Jersey City by leaders of the radical group directing the strikes, according to reports here today.

Secret Committee at Work.

Investigators for the railroads declared today that a secret committee, well equipped with money and with hundreds of experienced agitators, under their command, is directing the strikes.

The revolutionary aims accredited to the central leaders, however, are generally subscribed to by the local labor organizations which have joined in the strikes. These workers among the lower paid railroad employees have been eager to strike for specific grievances of their own, and are taking advantage of the epidemic spread of the strikes to join in their own behalf, they said.

Various causes for the rapid spread of the walkouts are given, among them the slow handling of wage demands at Washington, evidence of profiteering and extravagance among other classes, and dissatisfaction with the handling of their affairs by the brotherhoods.

Strikers Organize.

The strike leaders at a meeting last night in Jersey City, announced the name of the new organization would be "The United Railroad Workers of America."

They have made public a schedule of demands calling for big pay increases for all classes of railroad men, including engineers and others who have not yet given any indication of sympathy with the strike.

Strikes against Eastern railroads were increasing here today.

Trains of the New York Central and New Haven railroads were being made up in the yards by officials of the lines with operating experience, following the strike of all switchmen and yardmen engaged in this work.

Firemen on the Lackawanna railroad joined the striking "outlaw" switchmen early today, after dispatching the last local train for the night and starting the Buffalo express on its run.

Another Strike Threatened.

A strike threat against the Long Island railroads was expected to be carried out during the day.

The Lackawanna firemen, in announcing their intention to quit, said they would remain out "for the duration of the strike."

These new trains had all been made to run on normal schedules yesterday, in spite of the fact that some of their workers joined the strike Saturday morning.

The Erie railroad, first line terminating in Jersey City to be seriously crippled by all of its switchmen, yardmen, and firemen striking, has announced that operating officials and all employees, by manning switch engines, dispatched seventeen trains yesterday and that the best service possible under existing conditions would be maintained today.

Many commutation and local express trains on the Pennsylvania lines have been switchmen and yard employees, but the road was handling all passenger traffic by using double length trains.

Hudson Tubes Closed.

All important passenger trains from distant points are arriving approximately on time. It was said.

The Hudson tubes, which connect

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PLOT TO DYNAMITE FERRY IS FOILED BY DECKHAND

NEW YORK, April 11.—What is believed to have been an attempt to destroy a Lackawanna ferry was frustrated when a deckhand discovered a package containing dynamite placed on the deck of the boat near the entrance to the women's cabin.

The man's suspicions were aroused by the appearance of the bundle. It was turned over to the Hoboken police, who identified its contents.

About 400 passengers were on the boat at the time.